

FIGHT WARMING UP IN MINING BUREAU

Appointment of Chief Is Expected During Present Week.

HOLMES AND PARKER ARE LEADING RACE

Friends of Pinchot Lined Up
Against the Entry of Bal-
linger Faction.

It is expected that President Taft will, during the present week, appoint a chief for the new Bureau of Mines, in the Interior Department. The legislation providing for the creation of the bureau has recently passed and been signed by the President.

The contest over the appointment of a chief for the bureau has developed into one of the most determined struggles between the Pinchot and the Ballinger factions that has yet taken place. Although Mr. Pinchot is out of the Government service, his friends are still strong in some branches of the Administration, and they are anxious to secure the appointment of Dr. J. A. Holmes, chief of the technology branch of the Geological Survey.

Chances Slight.

Indications are that Dr. Holmes will not be appointed, and the fact that he is acceptable to the Pinchot forces is given as one of the leading reasons why he will not win. Dr. Holmes has taken a diffident attitude about the matter, neither seeking support nor on the other hand trying to end the activities of those friends whose support is regarded in some quarters as rather an injury than a help to his cause.

George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey, and a strong supporter of Secretary Ballinger, is very active in support of Edward W. Parker, head of the division of mining and mineral resources. Mr. Parker is looked upon as the man who at present stands the best chance of getting the place.

Comment Caused.

The supporters of Dr. Holmes say that a great number of telegrams have been sent out by Director Smith, asking for endorsements, from scientific and technical experts, for Dr. Parker for the position. This action by the director has been the subject of some very hostile comments, and there has been threat that if Dr. Parker gets the position his confirmation by the Senate may be held up pending some inquiries into the activities of his supporters.

One of the strong opponents of Dr. Holmes is Chairman Tawney, of the House Appropriations Committee. Mr. Tawney takes the position that Dr. Holmes has been altogether too active a lobbyist. The friends of Dr. Holmes frankly admit that he has been enthusiastic in his efforts to get the bureau of mines created, and that he has overlooked no opportunity to direct public attention and enlist the interest of legislators in behalf of the movement. They make no apology for these activities, but protest that if he is treason, they are willing that the most be made of it.

WILL INVESTIGATE DEATH OF HARRIS

Said to Have Incurred Enmity of
Reelfoot Lake Night-
Riders.

TIPTONVILLE, Tenn., June 13.—A post-mortem examination was scheduled for today over the remains of the late Judge Harris, the millionaire who was seized with cramps while swimming in Reelfoot lake yesterday, and who was drowned before aid could reach him. It is believed that Judge Harris was attacked by cramps as a result of poison placed in his food.

Judge Harris and his associates, by a court ruling, recently came into possession of thousands of acres of land around Reelfoot lake, and they incurred the enmity of fishermen, whose forefathers had for years piled their trade on the shores of the lake, by ordering these men off the premises. It is said that the night riders who lynched Capt. Quentin Runkin last week were seeking Judge Harris.

THREAT OF DEATH SENT TO OFFICIAL

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 13.—Charles F. Niedbolski, member of South Bend board of public works is threatened with death if he does not resign from the board within a week. This was made in a "Black Hand" letter, which was delivered to his place of business with the regular mail. The communication, which is unsigned, is as follows:

"Beware! You have betrayed your people and thrown them down. You are being watched, and unless you get off the board you will be killed. You have one week to quit."
Niedbolski refuses to consider the note in a serious light, but friends are alarmed, and his family is frantic. The police, too, refuse to treat the threat lightly, and have started an investigation, which will be pushed vigorously.

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Manager Goodsart of Co-
burn Players Here to
Complete Details.

Manager Goodsart, representing the Coburn players, is in Washington making arrangements for the pastoral performance which will be given on the White House grounds next Thursday and Friday for the benefit of the Washington Playground Association. Mrs. Taft's interest in the performances and in the cause for whose benefit they will be given, has led her to offer the east wing of the White House to the Coburn actors to use as dressing-rooms. Here the outdoor players will find the most luxurious surroundings that any play-
ers have ever enjoyed behind the scenes. French mirrors extending from ceiling to floor, beautiful carpets, and brilliant lights, will go to make up their surroundings between acts of the play.

This year the southeastern knoll of the White House grounds, instead of the southwestern, will be used. This arrangement will be made for the comfort of those attending the Friday afternoon matinee, in order to prevent the afternoon sun shining full in the faces of the audience. The stage on which the Shakespearean performances are to be given will be a natural part of its sylvan surroundings. Built around the trees growing on the southeastern knoll, and covered with grass and flowers, it will greatly enhance the beauty of the performance. This stage will be 60 by 40 feet.

Mrs. Taft is much interested in all the arrangements for the play, and the presentation of the pastorate is an event of unusual social as well as dramatic interest.

TROLLEY CAR HITS MOURNERS' HACK

WATERBURY, Conn., June 12.—Running at full speed, one of the New Haven Line express trolley cars ran into a hack filled with mourners returning from a funeral late last evening, and injured Mrs. Anna Bergen seriously.

The driver, William Delaney, was hurled twenty feet, and the vehicle demolished. Both horses were badly hurt.

Others in the hack were four small boys, relatives of Mrs. Bergen. They were piled over the old lady, and are suffering from contusions and broken limbs.

They were returning from the funeral of Mrs. Fillemon Ladue, who was a close friend of the Bergens.

CHINESE STUDENTS ELOPE FROM SCHOOL

LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 13.—Lee Ching Yen, a student at Purdue University, has eloped to China with Julia Wong, a student at Indianapolis, and a daughter of Wong Ka Kap, former Chinese imperial commissioner to the World's Fair at St. Louis. Mr. Sah, son of the head of the Chinese navy, who expected to marry Miss Wong, was jilted.

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TAFT TO ADDRESS OHIO GRADUATES

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Days.

President Taft has a strenuous travel program ahead of him until the Taft family settles down at Beverly for the summer.

Tomorrow night he is to go to Marietta, Ohio, where he will talk to college graduates on Wednesday, returning Thursday night. Friday night or early Saturday morning, the day on which Colonel Roosevelt will be the center of the nation's interest in New York harbor, the President will go to Villanova and Lincoln, Pa., where he will make commencement addresses.

Returning to Washington, the President will start out again next Sunday night, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, for New Haven, where for three days they will be interested spectators at the Yale graduation exercises, their son, Robert Taft, being a member of the graduating class.

From New Haven the President will go to the summer home at Beverly, where Mrs. Taft will remain for the summer. The President will then return here to await the adjournment of Congress.

MANUEL RECEIVES GAGE.

LISBON, June 13.—Henry T. Gage, of California, the recently appointed American minister to Portugal, has presented his credentials to King Manuel, who received him very cordially.

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CANDY AEROPLANE CATCHES COIFFURE

CHICAGO, June 13.—Chef Laperriere, of the Hotel La Salle, made a model airplane out of candy and set it up in the lobby of the hotel to be run by electricity. It was very pretty and attracted much attention.

This morning Mrs. R. L. Streeter, of Pittsburgh, was watching the wheels go round, and in her enthusiasm, leaned too far over the revolving blade. They caught her coiffure and in a moment the air was filled with flying tresses, the remnants of an automobile veil, and shrieks.

ELECTRIC SHOCK KILLS POLICEMAN

NEW YORK, June 13.—An electrical shock last evening killed Policeman Dennis J. Sullivan, of Jersey City, instantly.

An alarm of fire had been sent in, and the suggestion was made to Sullivan that it would be advisable to phone the desk lieutenant and request him to have the electrical company turn off the current, or the telephone and light wires had become crossed.

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